LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 21, 1971 10:00 o'clock a.m.

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... The Board Meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission convened at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 1971, at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, J. G. Jones, Chairman, presiding. . . .

PRESENT WERE:

J. G. JONES, Chairman

H. C. WRIGHT, Vice-Chairman

C. M. HOFFPAUER, Director

LLOYD AUTIN

J. E. KYLE, JR.

J. W. THOMPSON

J. L. WINFREE

A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 1971.

LYLE S. ST. AMANT

Request by T. L. James & Company for renewal of permit to remove fill material from the Mississippi River.

RICHARD K. YANCEY

Select a name for the new wildlife management area to be established in the Pearl River

(9)

Resolution on blue and snow geese short-

region of St. Tammany Parish.

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HARRY SCHAFER

Discuss oyster fishing in Lake Borgne. (Deleted)

JOE L. HERRING

Maintenance agreement for Pearl River land.

Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area deer

(36)

(33)

season.

stopping.

28. Discussion of Evangeline Parish deer season.

(Deleted)

Discussion of Terrebonne Parish deer season.

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Deer season in Tensas Parish, Ward 4, either sex, first five days of second segment,

December 27-31.

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Jackson-Bienville Wildlife Management Area

open for any sex deer season,

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January 1-16, 1972, on experimental basis.

KENNETH SMITH

Request by Assumption Parish Police Jury to open Lake Verret to limited gill and

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trammel net fishing, January 1 through March 31, 1972.

Acceptance of a contract with Chem-Weed, Inc.
for spraying water hyacinths on Bundicks
Lake.

OTHER BUSINESS.

(Note: Please refer to succeeding page 4A for listing of "Other Business" items which were presented for discussion at the time of this meeting.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The meeting will come to order. On the agenda, we will delete Items Nos. 5 and No. 8. The information which we had does not prepare us to put them on the agenda at this time. Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: May I have the floor for just one moment?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. WINFREE: Before we proceed with this agenda, I would like to make a statement that this my third year, more or less anniversary, of having the pleasure of serving on this Commission. It was

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Reporter's Note:

At the time of the meeting, the following items of "Other Business" were discussed:

- (a) Statements of commendation and appreciation.
- (b) Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. (6)
- (c) Discussion of water hyacinth control funds.
- (d) Disciplinary action as related to paycheck withholding, vehicle inspection, etc.
- (e) Peason Ridge Game Management Area fox hunting season.

December three years ago that I became a member of this Commission. Certainly, certainly this Commission has contributed a great deal to me. I hope that in some small way I may have contributed to its being. At this time I would like to say that I believe the people of the State of Louisiana and this Commission are blessed with having the personnel and the staff that this Commission has.

Dr. St. Amant and Mr. Yancey, I think there are none finer in America, and I say that, gentlemen, from the bottom of my heart. The Chiefs of the sections in Enforcement that we have I think there are none better. I am entirely satisfied, and I repeat that, I am entirely satisfied with our Director. I think that he lives a little bit differently than some of us do (Laughter) which makes it a little hard for me to understand him at times, and I am not so sure but what maybe all of us could take a page from his book and perhaps live a little bit longer and live a little bit better.

I am not throwing these accolades out just because it is Christmas season. I wanted to wait until I had been here three years. I have

often wondered, when this Commission had a chairman and a co-chairman, about how often a man was going to stay chairman or how long he stayed chairman of the Commission. Well, after I have been on here three years, I understand that ordinarily the election for chairman would come up in December, and if that is the case, and if that be so, at this time, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman be reelected by acclamation.

MR. KYLE: Second.

MR. WINFREE: There is a motion, Mr. Chairman, and it has been seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any discussion?

MR. WINFREE: There is no discussion of that motion, Mr. Chairman. That is acclamation.

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor of the motion, say "aye."

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Of course, I thought you

were going to come out first with a Christmas message, and it is a good Christmas message, and I would like to extend it even further on down the line to the people that work for this Commission.

I have been here a number of years, and incidentally my term of office ended on December 10, and not having served six previous years, I was eligible for reappointment, and on the 13th of December, the Governor sent me a new Commission, so unless the Legislature dresses me out of office or something, or you run me off, I guess I will be here for a while.

I appreciate the confidence that the members of the Commission have expressed in me and Mr. Wright, and of course the work of the Commission Chairmen, while we run the meeting, I think the responsibility and the credit for what is done goes to the entire Commission as we work as a unit I thank you.

The first order of business is the approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 26. You have had a copy of them mailed to you, I think. What is your pleasure?

MR. KYLE: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr.

Kyle. Is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright that the minutes be approved. Is there any discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

Item No. 2, Dr. St. Amant.

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman,

Members of the Commission, this item deals with the renewal of an existing permit held by T. L. James & Company for the removal of sand from the Mississippi River on its right descending bank near Boothville. This permit has been in effect for five years and the company has complied with all of the regulations in the permit. I therefore recommend that we renew the permit for an additional five years.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. THOMPSON: So move.



THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Thompson. Is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright.

Is there any discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution

is here made a part of the

record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the

Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries

Commission does hereby grant per
mission to T. L. JAMES & COMPANY, INC.

to remove fill material from the

Mississippi River, right descending

bank, near Boothville, Louisiana,

for use in the construction of the

Fort Jackson to Venice Highway.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Yancey.

MR. RICHARD K. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, this afternoon the Commission will take title to approximately 15,600

acres of land in the Pearl River region of St.

Tammany Parish. The Governor will sign the act of sale papers this afternoon, and we would like to recommend at this time that the Commission designate this tract of land to be named the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area. This entire tract is encompassed by the lower reaches of the Pearl River Basin and we feel that this would be in line with previous titles given to other similar tracts of land around the state, that we have used geographical titles in naming these other game management areas around the state.

We would like to recommend at this time that this tract of land be designated as the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area.

MR. WINFREE: Question, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Yancey, I am sure there is a reason for it, but was anything thought about the word Honey Island?

MR. YANCEY: Consideration was given to it. However, Honey Island is located a few miles north of this tract of land, and this is the reason



that consideration was ruled out. We discussed that yesterday and it was finally determined that this would be a more appropriate name geographically for that particular tract, but Honey Island was definitely given consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me ask you one other question, Richard. Since we got real cooperation from the local people, we have not received any request from any of the local people about the naming, have we?

MR. YANCEY: No, we haven't, other than Pearl River or Honey Island. Those are the two that seem to have cropped up more frequently than anything else. In fact, those are the only two that we have had suggested to us.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other discussion?

MR. WINFREE: Well, you will have to admit -- I mean, I agree with you -- Pearl River.

You have to admit Honey Island is a prettier name.

MR. YANCEY: It sure is, but after the discussion yesterday, we would recommend that it be designated as Pearl River.



THE CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure?

MR. THOMPSON: I so move.

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

MR. YANCEY: We would like to also sug-

gest, --

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Yancey, before you proceed, Mr. Chairman, may I make an observation here?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: The thought just occurred to me that any future acquisitions of tracts of land that we are able to obtain, I would like for some consideration to be given by Mr. Yancey and Mr. Herring and other people that work with them on this Nomenclature Committee, if there is such, to perhaps get the 4-H Club boys and the Future, the little girls and the whole area, and let them have a contest to just submit some names, or at least give it consideration, and then we can decide on that.



I believe it would instill some -- they just like to do it. You all give that some thought next time, why don't you?

MR. YANCEY: Quite a lot of consideration was given in regard to the naming of the Three Rivers Game Management Area, and I think Mike Cook circulated quite a lot of publicity about the naming of that area, and quite a few suggestions were made before it was finally named, but at this point, with the Commission taking title to this land today, we feel it would be advisable, you know, to go ahead rather than wait, because --

MR. WINFREE: Oh, I wasn't talking about this, Mr. Yancey. I am just talking about any future names. Just the possibility of having a club contest or something and giving whoever won the contest, give them a free trip there, take them there and show them the whole thing.

MR. YANCEY: Good. We will sure do that THE CHAIRMAN: Item No. 4.

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, we have received several telephone calls from people here in New Orleans, inquiring as to how the hunting

will be handled on this tract of land until the end of the season, and we would like to suggest at this time that the Commission adopt a resolution which would simply state that this tract of land will be open to the public for the remainder of the scheduled hunting season in accordance with the seasons and bag limits already prescribed by the Commission. There is no way we can get in there within the next week or two and get the boundaries marked and handle this thing as we do the other game management areas. In order to clear the air on this thing, we think it would be --

MR. WINFREE: I think it is a wonderful idea, Mr. Chairman, but I guess you have talked to Mr. Hogan on this, about enforcement.

MR. YANCEY: Well, yes. They are actually doing this now in this area.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand, you won't be making any changes.

MR. YANCEY: No changes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just leave it like it is?

MR. YANCEY: In other words, the rabbit season will run until late February and the deer

season will end about the 11th of January and so forth. It will just simply be open to them.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Richard, do we have any active hunting leases?

MR. YANCEY: No, the hunting leases that were in effect on that land, of course, were cancelled and effective today the Commission will begin exercising jurisdiction over hunting and fishing in that area, but in order to clear the air for the public, if we could adopt this resolution now, we would then be in a position to tell these people it is open to the public in accordance with the regulations already prescribed.

MR. WINFREE: I move that resolution, Mr. Chairman, at this time.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

MR. YANCEY: We have a turkey season, of course, that will open up over there the last



weekend in March. We may want to take some special action prior to the opening of that season, but at least through February --

MR. WINFREE: Well, perhaps then, since March is in 1972, why don't we just hold off on the turkey and in the resolution just say all except turkeys.

MR. YANCEY: Up until, this resolution then we could say would cover everything up until March 1, 1972.

MR. WINFREE: To give our people an opportunity to check out and find how many turkey over there and really check the area out.

MR. YANCEY: Well, there is a turkey population in that area and it should be given some special consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN: O.K. I think you have Item No. 4, also.

MR. YANCEY: We would like to propose at this time that the Commission adopt a resolution which would request that the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife explain its position and intent regarding the shortstopping of blue and snow

geese in this flyway. This subject has been discussed at recent Commission meetings. The problem has intensified. It is quite apparent that unless some positive action is taken we will shortly be without blue and snow geese in this state and the Gulf Coast marshes.

We have several whereases proposed in this thing, but that in essence would be what the resolution would state. It would state that the Gulf Coast marshes have traditionally served as a wintering ground for these birds and that since 1910 these vast state, federal and private refuges have been established in the Gulf Coast marshes, which extend for a distance of about 750 miles from southwest Mississippi along the Louisiana and Texas coasts and northeast Mexico and that these birds biologically maintain a favorable population status by utilizing this region for thousands of years, but that in recent years increasing numbers of these birds have been shortstopped on small Midwestern refuges as a result of the development of feeding areas, sanctuaries and water. that this overcrowding on small areas could possibly



lead to a heavy kill of these birds from disease and parasites.

This year, if we will all recall, we were given a letter stating that certain efforts would be made to alleviate the problem. Those efforts were made but they did not alleviate the problem. The problem intensified. We also found, as a result of a recent telegram received from the Bureau, that they developed plans this year by consulting with other states and councils and they did not consult with Louisiana. We also found that in this telegram they now consider the Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Missouri to be the southern wintering terminus for the eastern prairie flock of Canada geese. They say that nothing can be done to move these birds further south, so we can be looking forward to the same thing to occur with regard to blue and snow geese.

We feel that we need to get the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and WildJife to tell us what its position, plans and intent are, with regard to this problem, as they have not done this year. This in essence would be the terminology expressed



in this proposed resolution.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: Before we adopt this resolution I want to say this. Last week in the Baton Rouge paper, it seems to me it was last Sunday or last Thursday, Mr. Yancey and I believe Mr. Duffy were taken to task pretty strongly by a letter from a man from either Iowa or Missouri. I have forgotten exactly which. Perhaps you all saw the article. I don't know whether you did or not.

and of Mr. Duffy's story and just in effect made
the State of Louisiana look pretty putrid. Now
Mr. Yancey just got through saying that Louisiana
was not consulted on these telegrams. I am sure
you all received a photostat of those telegrams.
I know I did, from Mr. Yancey. You know I was not
on this Commission when the state withdrew from
the flyways. I cannot help but believe, I cannot
help but believe that we are suffering because we are
not in a flyway, because we are not present at the
meetings when these flyway councils have a vote,



whether it is against us or for us. We are not present and I can't help but believe that they are taking that into consideration.

I, for one, would like to see this state get back in a flyway, whether it is the Central or the Mississippi; I don't know but I feel that before we are able to do anything we are going to have to have a voice. We do not have a voice as long as we don't belong. It is just that simple to me. I know how Washington works. I know how these other things work. I would certainly like to see this Commission and its staff get back to work again to see if we could not get in a flyway. We have no voice whatsoever. We have to go to Washington to get duck seasons set. They listen to us, they are happy about it, but at the same time I think that we ought to work toward it.

I will offer the resolution that Mr. Yancey presented just now.

MR. WRIGHT: You are not offering a resolution for us to get back in a flyway, are you?

MR. WINFREE: I didn't say that, Mr. Wright, but if it just takes one vote to get in



the flyway, I am for it. I think we should get into a flyway, but that's not on the agenda right now. I will offer that resolution of Mr. Yancey, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me just say I think our voice has gotten to the right people in Wash-ington since we got out of the flyway. Before our voice would get to the people in the Flyway Council and that is as far as it would go. We are going a different way and going down a different road, but I believe our voice is getting to the top a lot better. I think you will agree with that, Mr. Yancey, than it it had been when we were in the Flyway Council.

MR. YANCEY: Well, of course, there are many ramifications to what is under discussion here and of course the reason, one of the main reasons, that Louisiana left the council is because of the extremely conservative recommendations that the council was making with regard to seasons and bag limits on waterfowl. I think we will all recall that in the spring of '69, which was the best duck year that we had in Canada during the



the 60's, that the technical section of that council recommended that we have a closed duck season in the entire Mississippi Flyway in February before production conditions were known, habitat conditions in Canada, or anything. They also recommended --

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Yancey, I agree with you 100 percent, but you are just as technical as anybody else, and I think you are pretty forceful and I think you are pretty strong, but unless you are there, then what you have to say just falls on deaf ears.

MR. YANCEY: We were there when we were fighting to continue this September teal season and because Louisiana is the main beneficiary of that season, we were beat down on a vote which was called to close that teal season in '68. It was closed that year. These are some of the things that led up to Louisiana's departure from the Flyway Council.

MR. WINFREE: I appreciate and understand all of that.

MR. YANCEY: There are some ramifications.

There are pros and cons to this thing.

MR. WINFREE: The point I am making is they are stopping our geese now. You and Mr. Hoffpauer both told me four or five weeks ago that in five years we wouldn't have a blue goose down here. You also told me that we wouldn't have any mallard ducks down here. I am looking for a solution, and if we have got to crawl on our hands and knees, I want those geese to start coming back down here. I believe if you get back in the flyway, get back up there with those people -- Naturally they are mad with the state of Louisiana -- Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. We were in the flyway with them. They said, "To heck with Louisiana."

I want to see us back up there, fighting those people, saying, "Look, you are changing the whole ecology of the whole goose population for 200 years." I am in favor of getting the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society and whatever and saying, "Look, do you see what they are doing to the goose? You are leaving them up there to die, and right down here in Louisiana, we have got a million and a half or two million acres for them to fly on



and live on." That is the point I am trying to make.

MR. YANCEY: The Audubon Society has been more critical of this shortstopping activity than we have. Of course, we were in the Flyway Council from the year it was formed in 1950 up until about 1968 or '69, and during the time we were in there, we were completely put out of the Canada goose business.

MR. HOFFPAUER: One thing, Mr. Winfree, that really eggs the people on up there is that the kill figures that the federal government has put out say that we kill 270,000 blue and snow geese.

In other words, over half the wintering population in Louisiana. That is so erroneous.

MR. WINFREE: Who puts that out?

MR. HOFFPAUER: The Fish and Wildlife
Service, and I have asked them now, even told them
we would pay them, if they would rerun these figures
on this mortality. That means that probably one
out of every five waterfowl --

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Hoffpauer, if you were up there and those figures came out, you could stand

there and rebut them. We only have 270,000 geese down here, and we don't kill every one of them.

It is just that simple. But you can't argue a point by sitting here. You have got to be up there and rebut what they have to say. That is my whole point.

MR. YANCEY: One thing that I would suggest that we consider, the year that we go back in the council, let's go back in there with the idea that we are going to support whatever recommendations the council makes, because those of us that were participating in council meetings and recommending these 25-day seasons with one or two ducks in the bag, being beat down on votes, and we were having to come back down here and turn around and go to Washington to fight the recommendations of the council of which we were a member. This put us in a bad spot. If we go back in there at any time, let's go back in there with the idea of supporting whatever that council adopts. We were in a very untenable position for several years because of that.

MR. WINFREE: Did we ever find out whether

we belong in the Central Flyway or the Mississippi Flyway?

MR. YANCEY: Well, we have Frank Belrose with the Illinois Natural History Survey running this research study for us on this situation now. We have also got Dr. Frank Hayne over at North Carolina that is running a research effort to determine which flyway we should be in. We are hopeful that we are going to have this information this summer. The information we have is that Belrose will have his report out in about three months and Hayne should have his report out within perhaps six or eight months.

We thought we would get these unbiased people from out of state to run the study to determine which flyway Louisiana should be in, because they are unbiased. If we ran the study ourselves, then it would simply be declared that this was a Louisiana study and it is biased, but having these out-of-state people dothis for us we feel will give this anunbiased designation.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Chairman, I don't feel we ought to go in the flyway at all under Mr. Yancey's



conditions. I think we owe it to the hunters of Louisiana to get the seasons that we believe and our people believe that are, and if we had to go up there with our hands tied and eleven votes against us, I don't believe it would be fair to the hunters of Louisiana.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Yancey hasn't recommended any flyway, Mr. Kyle. We were just discussing the flyway. I think the Central Flyway seems to be pretty good. Personally I would like to see us go into the Texas Flyway. They seem to get all they want over there.

MR. YANCEY: We are back to the original resolution.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Wright, that we adopt the resolution as prepared by Mr. Yancey. Is there any further discussion on that resolution? Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

MR. WINFREE: Why don't you send that



resolution, Mr. Chairman, to that fellow that wrote that nasty article about Mr. Yancey and Mr. Duffy?

THE CHAIRMAN: Incidentally, maybe we can get one of those news releases put in the paper up in that part of the country.

MR. WINFREE: Did you all happen to see that release?

THE CHAIRMAN: I saw it in the paper, yes.

It was the one that said we were all wet.

MR. YANCEY: Well, that is as far as it said, but it evaded the issue, and it was a smokescreen type statement, in my opinion. In other words, anyone can make allegations of that type but they did not specify anything with regard to the contentions that we are making about this thing, the possible loss of geese from disease and parasites, as a result of overcrowding on small areas for extended periods of time, and what effect it is eventually going to have on this overall population.

THE CHAIRMAN: We need, incidentally, to answer that, even to our Louisiana people.

MR. YANCEY: And there is no one -- they

can't deny that they are holding more geese for longer periods of time each winter up there. They cannot deny it. They have completely shortstopped the population of Canada geese. I am amazed that any wire service would even carry a story of that type without digging into the issue in depth.

(Text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast marshes have traditionally served as the wintering grounds for the continental population of blue geese and many snow geese numbering approximately one million, and

whereas, vast state, federal and private refuges or management areas have been established since 1910 in this vast coastal marsh region, which extends for a distance of 750 miles from southwest Mississippi along the coast of Louisiana and Texas to northeast Mexico, and

WHEREAS, these nomadic birds

have maintained a favorable population status by utilizing this region for thousands of years, and

WHEREAS, increased numbers of blue and snow geese have been shortstopped in midwestern states as a result of being lured into very small refuges by feed, water and sanctuary, and

WHEREAS, this shortstopping activity has resulted in the crowding of hundreds of thousands of blue and snow geese into lands of only a few hundred acres in size for extended periods of time, thereby creating the potential for ultimately bringing about a heavy kill of geese from disease and parasites, and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife exercised only token and fruitless efforts in 1971 to alter the shortstopping trend, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau apparently



chose to develop plans pertaining to the distribution of blue and snow geese work-ing with other states and councils in 1971 without consulting the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau now states that they consider the Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Missouri to be the wintering terminus of the eastern prairie flock of Canada geese and that there are no measures available to move these birds farther south, and

WHEREAS, 400,000 blue and snow geese were found in the Missouri River in early December of 1971 long after the birds should have arrived on the Gulf Coast, and

WHEREAS, it is quite apparent
that similar wintering distribution
patterns for blue and snow geese are,
and have been, developed in this flyway
which will soon result in Louisiana
being without these important birds

during the winter months, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that
the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission does hereby request that the
United States Bureau of Sport Fisheries
and Wildlife clearly explain its position
and intent regarding the desired distribution of blue and snow geese as it affects
this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, the members of the Louisiana Congressional delegation and the Louisiana Wildlife Federation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Herring.

While Joe is coming up to the front, one fellow walked in after we got through passing out all the Christmas laurels and what-not and his name is Peter Duffy. You know you hear a lot, especially around election time, about a lot of lawyers that work for the state and don't do anything. I

want to tell you right now we have got a lawyer working for this Commission that does a good job and works hard, and that is Peter Duffy, in the back of the room. Peter does an excellent job for us, I'll tell you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. MR. HERRING: The first item I have on the agenda is a maintenance agreement for the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area, for which we just settled on a name, in St. Tammany Parish. This is just a normal procedure that we go through with the BOR, since they furnish half of the money. They request that we maintain the property so that it will appear attractive and inviting to the public, that we keep our sanitary facilities there, in compliance with the state and local public health policies and standards, and that the property be kept reasonably safe for public use, and also we use fire prevention methods on the area, and the buildings and roads shall also be improved and kept in a reasonable repair state.

I would like to recommend to the Commission that we do accept this for a maintenance policy.



THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: So move.

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation requires that we go into a maintenance agreement on the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area in St. Tammany Parish, and

WHEREAS the property shall be maintained so as to appear attractive to and inviting to the public, and

WHEREAS, sanitation and sanitary facilities shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and local public

health standards, and

WHEREAS, properties shall be kept reasonably safe for public use, and

WHEREAS, fire prevention, lifeguard and similar activities shall be
maintained at levels reasonable to
prevent loss of the lives of users, and

WHEREAS, buildings, roads, trails and other structures and improvements shall be kept in reasonable repair throughout their estimated lifetime, so as to prevent undue deterioration and not to discourage public use of the property, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild

Life and Fisheries Commission will keep

the facility open to the general public

at reasonable hours and times of the year

consistent with the type of facility,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries

Commission will maintain the Pearl River

Wildlife Management Area in St. Tammany

Parish in agreement with the Bureau of

Outdoor Recreation required standards.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. 7.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item pertains to Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area. We would like to recommend for this area that we have another two-day season, which would be December 27 and 28, for any sex deer.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution

is here made a part of

the record.)

WHEREAS the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area was opened November 20,
1971 for an any sex deer season, and
WHEREAS, only 67 hunters used the

area, killing three deer, consisting of one buck and two does, and

WHEREAS hunter participation and kill was extremely low for this one day season,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries

Commission open the Spring Bayou Wildlife

Management Area for two days, December 27

and 28, 1971 for an any sex deer season

on a daily permit basis.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. 8 we have removed from the agenda. No. 9.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, four years ago an area in Terrebonne Parish was closed for the stocking of alligators and deer and this area was described as "an area lying south of Intracoastal Waterway, west of Minor's Canal, south of Falgout Canal and west of Bayou Dularge, and east of the Atchafalaya River and Atchafalaya Bay."

It has been recommended that this area be closed for deer hunting during the December 27, 1971-January 9, 1972 deer season.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. AUTIN: I so move.

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Autin, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

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the record.)

WHEREAS it has been recommended that the area previously closed in Terrebonne Parish be closed again for the second half of the deer season and

WHEREAS, approximately four years ago this area was restocked with deer and alligators,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the area described as

"an area lying south of Intracoastal Waterway, west of Minor's Canal, south of Falgout
Canal, and west of Bayou Dularge,
and east of the Atchafalaya River
and Atchafalaya Bay"

be closed for deer hunting during the December 27, 1971-January 9, 1972 deer season.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, at the last meeting there were several changes in Tensas Parish pertaining to the deer season. These changes were to comply with the boundaries in that parish where we had some ward boundary changes by the local officials, and corresponding with this we still have one ward that does not correspond with the local boundary changes. This is in Ward 4, Tensas Parish.

I would like to recommend at this time, to correspond with the local changes in the boundaries, that a five-day either sex season be granted in Ward 4. That would be December 27 through 31, 1971.

THE CHAIRMAN: I understand the Deer Committee recommends that also. What is your

pleasure, gentlemen?

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

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WHEREAS there have been several boundary changes in Parish wards in Tensas Parish, and

WHEREAS, these boundary changes have affected the original recommendations of the deer season, and

WHEREAS, with this boundary change some areas are not included in the any sex deer season and others are,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ward 4 in Tensas Parish be granted a five-day either sex deer season,

December 27 through 31, 1971, to correspond with the original recommendations.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item on the agenda pertains to our Jackson-Bienville Wildlife Management Area. About the last two years biologists of this Commission, as well as some outside biologists, have made some studies on this area to try to determine a natural loss that we are getting on deer in our Jackson-Bienville Management Area. Right now we have an overpopulated deer range on the area and we find that 61 percent of the year-and-a-half old males have illegal antlers, and that there is little or no reproduction in the one-and-a-half year old females in this area.

We ran a statistically sound field survey and found the remains of a deer carcass for every 26 acres in the Management Area. Now whether we are getting this loss through the summer and other times, we do not know, but anyhow, this substantiates an annual loss of about 300 deer for the 22,000 acres that we have had there.

I would like to recommend to the Commission at this time that we have a 16-day either sex

season to be held on this area from January 1-16, 1972 and that this be on an experimental basis, giving the Director the power to close the area at any time during this period. Now the objectives of some of this research are experimental and will be to determine the maximum legal harvest of deer that can be obtained from a given unit of land, to determine if legal hunter harvest can be substituted for known mortality due to unknown factors, our loss on the area, and to evaluate hunter response and success to extended hunter choice deer seasons.

I think we have gone a long way in some of the deer research that we have done in the state in the last few years and I believe this is another step forward in finding some of the answers to some of our deer problems. We use this area because we have in the past had more liberal seasons on Jackson-Bienville possibly than we have had on any other area, so it is a good area to start with and do some extended research to find some of our unknown answers.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to recommend at this time that this experiment on deer be

approved and be on an experimental basis, giving the Director the power to close the area at any time during this period if we found that we have too many hunters or the kill is not going as we are anticipating through this experiment.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand, this has been approved and recommended also by the deer committee.

MR. WRIGHT: With a little reservation. I recommend that we do this, provided that this department publicizes it in all the papers up there and especially in those two parishes, so those people will understand what we are trying to do, because I want everybody to realize that this is going to be open when no other part of the state of Louisiana will be open, and if they have an influx of hunters and everything at that time, it is going to be left up to the Director to take action.

MR. WINFREE: Do you also mean that what he is telling us about the mortality of the deer, the finding of the carcass every 26 acres, all that has to be publicized, Mr. Herring, whether they read it or not, to have it in the record?

MR. HERRING: I would like to say this will be on a daily permit basis, the same as we conduct our other hunts. Hunters will have to get a permit to go in and check out. This is one way we can keep up, the only way we can keep up with the hunters and the kill in the area, so we will be on a daily permit basis, same as the others.

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

MR. WINFREE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Winfree. Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

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WHEREAS biologists of the

Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries

Commission as well as biologists of

other organizations have spent con
siderable time on the Jackson-Bienville

Wildlife Management Area in the past

two years trying to determine a loss of deer, and

WHEREAS, this area has an overpopulated deer range with 61 percent of
the 1-1/2 year old males having illegal
antlers and little or no reproduction
in the 1-1/2 year old females, and

WHEREAS a statistically sound field survey found the remains of a deer carcass for every 26 acres in the management area and

WHEREAS this substantiates an annual loss of 300 deer for the old 22,000 acre area,

that a 16-day any sex deer season be held on the Jackson Bienville Wildlife Management Area from January 1 to 16, 1972 on an experimental basis, giving the Director the power to close the area at any time during this period. The objectives of this research will be to:

- Determine the maximum legal harvest of deer that can be obtained from a given unit of land;
- 2. Determine if legal hunter harvest can be substituted for known mortality due to unknown factors; and
- 3. Evaluate hunter response and success to extended hunter choice deer seasons.

MR. HERRING: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Kenneth.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, the first item we have here is a request from the Assumption Parish Police Jury to open a net fishing season on Lake Verret, beginning January 1 and continuing through March 31, 1972.

We have had this season for three years prior to this year, and it has been very successful. The fish population sample we have taken indicates an improvement in desirable fish species and game



fish species and it has gone over very well with the people in that area.

We are recommending that this lake be opened with the following stipulations: that a permit be required by each fisherman who fishes that area; that it will be opened to all fishermen with legal commercial fishing licenses; that it will be open to all legal nets; and that the fishermen just remove all fish they catch, commercial, trash and so forth.

Due to the short time that we have to issue these permits, we are going to recommend they be available here at the District 8 office in New Orleans and in addition we will have a representative of the Commission in the Courthouse on December 29, just in Assumption Parish, to issue them locally, so the people will have an easier access to these permits in that area.

I would recommend that this season be set MR. WINFREE: Question, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Winfree.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Smith, why are you just restricting it for 90 days? Why couldn't this be

open six months of the year around?

MR. SMITH: Mr. Winfree, the area was closed to commercial fishing over there for several There was a big concern that the commercial fishermen were responsible for the low sport fish population over there. Now we don't think this is so, but there was a very intent situation over there. We think that this type season certainly will be beneficial to the area. It has been accepted and we have met with both groups over It is the season that is accepted by both people and, like I say, we have worked and modified this thing over the past three-year period. Due to the concern of the commercial fishermen, they are satisfied with this season over there, this is the reason we would recommend a short season and not the year-long season over there.

MR. WINFREE: Well, even if you didn't have a year-long season, if they are not catching fish, they are not going to fish. All they are catching there is garfish and those big old buffalo; that is all they are catching there. I have heard expressions from a great many of them that they

would like to fish the year around, and I have also heard expressions from either you or Mr. Herring that it really wouldn't hurt the lake. I am not belaboring the point at all, but is there any way that we could also see then, if they do fish it, that they have to remove these nets when they get through. You know these sport fishermen, you get caught between both of them. They tear up their outboard motors; they leave those nets in there and don't pick them up; and there is a constant fight going on down in that parish.

If you are satisfied that 90 days is long enough, I am, too, but it seems to me that, well, if they want an extension, I guess we could give it to them if they really need it.

MR. SMITH: Well, sir, I have talked to Mr. Hogan on this, Mr. Winfree, and he will have people in his area checking this particular situation there, and we can double back and see that these nets are picked up after this time. It may be possible to work and meet with some of those people in there and see if we can't come up with a longer season next year. But this year, this has

been pretty well agreed on. We have talked to the people in the area. This season would be an acceptable season all the way around.

MR. WINFREE: Good. I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr.

Winfree. Is there a second?

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

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WHEREAS past fish population surveys have indicated a high rough fish population in Lake Verret, and WHEREAS, the removal of the rough fish will provide a source of

income to commercial fishermen as well as furnish growing space for game fish, and

WHEREAS, the Assumption Parish
Police Jury has requested Lake Verret be

opened to net fishing from January 1, 1972 through March 31, 1972.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

Lake Verret be opened to net fishing

during the above period provided the

following provisions are adhered to:

- A permit will be required of each fisherman.
- The Lake will be opened to all fishermen with legal commercial fishing licenses.
- 3. It will be open to the use of all legal nets.
- 4. Fishermen remove all legal commercial and rough fish that are caught.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Duffy, if he will, to be sure that gets in the Napoleonville, Donaldsonville and Morgan City papers and to the Morgan City and the Donaldsonville radio when our man gets to Napoleonville, so we will get the maximum coverage on our permits.

MR. SMITH: The next item, Mr. Chairman. We had a contract with Chem-Weed, Inc. -- that is a chemical applicator outfit in Duson, Louisiana -- to spray water hyacinths on Bundicks Lake in Beauregard Parish. There was a total of a thousand acres sprayed with a helicopter at a cost of \$8,400.00. These people have done a very good job over there. They have met the terms of the contract in that they came back 14 days after the original application and sprayed those remaining areas that they may have missed. This has been a very good job, and we recommend acceptance of this contract.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Smith, how many acres did you say this was?

MR. SMITH: A thousand acres.

MR. WINFREE: A thousand acres, and they did it twice?

MR. SMITH: Well, when you first spray an area, it is pretty difficult to see exactly where your chemical has gone.



MR. WINFREE: But in fact they went over it twice?

MR. SMITH: Well, they went over it once and then they caught the edges that they missed the first time. They cleaned up, the second application.

MR. WINFREE: The second time around, that would be \$48.00 an acre. Is that what that would run? \$4.80 an acre?

MR. SMITH: They didn't spray the whole thing the second time. You see, one application --

MR. THOMPSON: Jim, I believe you are trying to get that too low.

MR. SMITH: What I am trying to say is -

MR. THOMPSON: What they missed, they came back and sprayed. They didn't spray the entire thing twice.

MR. SMITH: No, what I am trying to say, they sprayed the whole entire area once, and that was enough to kill the weeds. Then the few remaining weeds on the edge that they missed, you know, incidental to their regular spraying operation, this is what they sprayed the second time.

MR. THOMPSON: You are saying \$8.40 per acre?

MR. SMITH: That is in effect right.

MR. HOFFPAUER: What is wrong with an invert airplane? That's what I don't understand.

MR. SMITH: In these areas we found these lakes have trees in the areas that appear that appear to make application by a fixed wing airplane a little difficult over there, Clark, and the helicopters have done a real good job on the thing, and it seems that the helicopters, being the type aircraft that they are, can place this chemical more precisely. We have gardens and flower gardens and things around these areas.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Well, they can paint a stripe with an airplane, I am telling you, but that is just double the price of airplane application.

MR. SMITH: Right, it is. You get about \$4.00 an acre.

MR. WINFREE: Let me ask you, where is this Bundicks Lake?

MR. SMITH: In Beauregard Parish. It is in the northeastern corner of Beauregard Parish.

MR. WINFREE: Why was that chosen?

MR. SMITH: We had a crew of people over there, Mr. Winfree. We had two people who were spraying water hyacinths over there and through the lack of ability, I say ability, we couldn't hire these replacements; they were part-time people. During the shutdown on the budget, we couldn't replace them, and the area became reinfested. Once you get an area completely covered with hyacinths, it is almost impossible to take one of these twoman crews with a little boat and go back over -- these things grow up waist-high -- and go in there and knock them back down again.

Now that the area has been cleaned up we can easily maintain it with a two-man crew, but once it gets away from you, it is pretty hard to go back in there with these crews.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me ask you a question.

Did we ever get our money we were supposed to get

for hyacinth control?

MR. SMITH: We are beginning to see the color of that money now.

THE CHAIRMAN: Where is the money, though?



The legislature, as I understand it, specifically provided, how much was it?

MR. HOFFPAUER: \$2.00 fishing license.

THE CHAIRMAN: They raised the price of the fishing license.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Right.

THE CHAIRMAN: And we were supposed to get that money. As I understand it, we haven't got it yet.

MR. SMITH: This year we have been allowed to put on about 23 extra hyacinth control people.

That includes three biologists. We have requested the budget people now to spend about \$100,000.00 of this in additional equipment and chemicals. We think this is going to be approved. This amount will be about \$350,000.00 a year, which is supposed to be in addition to the conservation fund normally available in this program.

THE CHAIRMAN: But do I understand you that we have an approved spending program for this fiscal year, ending in July, to spend all of that money that we are supposed to get, or have they just diverted that to some other use?



MR. SMITH: To my knowledge, this money will be available.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Chairman, what we ought to do with that extra money is use it in aerial spraying, because while it may be a lot of hard work with these boats they have got, I don't think they are very effective. It is almost like trying to go from here to Lake Charles on a bicycle.

MR. WRIGHT: It all depends on where you are, Ed. In these small bayous and lakes, a boat is more satisfactory.

MR. SMITH: Mr. Kyle, we have in a request to buy three of these boats, which have been pretty successful in the Atchafalaya. They have the power and the weight to go through these big masses, and we think they are pretty effective.

MR. THOMPSON: Kenneth, would a boat have been able to take care of Bundicks Lake?

MR. SMITH: Our boat wouldn't have done it, Mr. Thompson, with the infestation as it was. Air boats can't travel, the ones we have, anyhow, over these things once they get pretty high. An air boat just can't move on them.

THE CHAIRMAN: Larry Cook is not here,

is he?

MR. SMITH: No, I don't believe so.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would like the Director to get Larry Cook to find out whether or not we are going to have that money available to spend this year.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, have the Director get Mr. Cook right now. I would like to see what that man looks like.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have heard a lot of talk about this money, that we were not going to get this money and the fishermen are paying the extra money on their licenses.

MR. WRIGHT: I believe we got that money but they took the other money away from us.

THE CHAIRMAN: This particular contract was not specified in the budget to be used for this particular lake, was it?

MR. SMITH: No, we had set up so much for weed application. This is a general amount we set up.

THE CHAIRMAN: O.K., you have heard the recommendation that we accept this contract. What

is your pleasure?

MR. KYLE: I so move.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution

is here made a part of

the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild

Life and Fisheries Commission has

entered into an agreement with Chem-Weed,

Inc., of Duson, Louisiana, to spray 1,000

acres of water hyacinths by helicopter on

Bundicks Lake in Beauregard Parish for a

total cost of \$8,400.00, and

WHEREAS the terms of the contract have been met in a satisfactory manner.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the contract with Chem-Weed, No. DA-256587, is hereby approved.



THE CHAIRMAN: We will wait a minute until Larry gets here. We will talk to him about it.

MR. WINFREE: I want Mr. Hoffpauer to ask Mr. Cook about it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Larry?

MR. COOK: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: We want to ask you some questions. As I understand, and you correct me, the legislature raised the fishing license that the sportsmen pay and the money was appropriated to be used for hyacinth control. Is that correct?

MR. COOK: That is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is Act 545. O.K.

Now, are we getting that money or is someone else getting it?

MR. COOK: The money is deposited with the State Treasurer, which we draw on a monthly warrant from them.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are we having any difficulty in getting the money that we want?

MR. COOK: We get the money the same way we accumulate or receive all of our money from the

State Treasurer.

THE CHAIRMAN: What I am getting at is can we spend the money, for example, right now, that we want to spend for this fiscal year.

MR. COOK: Not freely.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Why not?

THE CHAIRMAN: Why not?

MR. COOK: Well, we are drawing the money through the Division of Administration from the State Treasurer. Now we have this year, we requested a budget or an expenditure of over \$300,000.00.

This was reduced to a little bit above \$200,000.00.

MR. THOMPSON: How much would the net be from the licenses?

MR. COOK: Roughly about \$350,000.00.

MR. THOMPSON: By golly, the sportsmen are entitled to spend their money for hyacinth control if that is what was voted, and they were assessed it and they are paying it and they are entitled to spend it. I don't know how we go about getting it, but let's get it.

MR. COOK: Now in the last month or two months, we have transmitted necessary papers to the

Division of Administration to be brought before the budget committee for an increase of this, roughly, about \$203,000.00, an additional \$130,000.00, of which we have not received approval.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is holding that approval up?

MR. COOK: I am under the impression it will come before the budget committee the next meeting.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Just let me say this. We have been up against this same thing with dedicated funds and appropriated budgetary funds approved by the legislature, just like this \$300,000.00 which rightfully is the sportsmen's money of the state, and yet we have to go back to the budget committee and the Division of Administration. Even though it is an act of the legislature that this money should be spent this way, we have to go back to them and beg and connive in every way in the world to get it, and I will bet you my bottom dollar we don't get the whole \$300,000.00.

MR. COOK: Let me say this. I am sure if you would look into Act 545, it does designate

that the department does make up a program or a request through the budget committee, the expenditure of these funds. This is within the act, Act 545.

MR. THOMPSON: Can the committee cut it down?

MR. COOK: Review it, review it. In other words, what we are supposed to do is to submit to them a list of equipment and various items that we wish to buy and this goes before the budget committee, and the budget committee approves it.

MR. THOMPSON: Did we do that?

MR. COOK: Yes, we have.

MR. THOMPSON: Did they cut it?

MR. COOK: Well, the original was cut from over \$300,000.00 down to \$200,000.00.

MR. THOMPSON: In other words, they did cut it?

MR. COOK: Right.

MR. THOMPSON: In other words, they disobeyed the directive of the legislature. The legislature directed this to be spent for hyacinth control.

MR. COOK: Right.

MR. THOMPSON: The budget committee disregarded their directive.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Give me some figures.

How much money are we going to get in this fiscal
year?

MR. COOK: Roughly, \$350,000.00.

MR. HOFFPAUER: That is how much is going to come in from licenses.

MR. COOK: That is how much is generated.

MR. HOFFPAUER: O.K.

MR. COOK: Also, we would have a surplus from last year.

MR. HOFFPAUER: How much?

MR. COOK: Roughly, about forty, \$50,000.00.

MR. HOFFPAUER: \$40,000.00. \$390,000.00.

All right, how much have they approved?

MR. COOK: \$203,000.00 to this date.

MR. HOFFPAUER: \$203,000.00. Half.

MR. COOK: Roughly. Now we do have a request up there to spend an additional \$130,000.00

MR. HOFFPAUER: So you have \$187,000.00 left that they haven't let you spend?

MR. COOK: Right.

MR. WINFREE: Now you say you have a request up there. You mean this request has to go before the budget committee again?

MR. COOK: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: When do they meet?

MR. COOK: This I don't know. I was under the impression they were supposed to meet this week.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to suggest that when the budget committee meets that some members of the Commission attend the meeting of the budget committee, along with the Director, some of our personnel.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Board members?

THE CHAIRMAN: Board members, yes.

MR. COOK: I can check on that and find out and come right back to you.

THE CHAIRMAN: O.K. We will adjourn the meeting but then you will let us know about it.

MR. HOFFPAUER: We have been to many, many previous meetings, and the way that we meet, Mr. Chairman, is that they ask us in there and we talk a while, and then they ask us to leave and

then they have a private meeting with Ralph Pearlman and that's it. You don't even know what happened to your request.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I think, as Jimmy says, the sportsmen ought to know what is happening to the money. The sportsmen believe that they were going to get that for hyacinth control, and there were no if, ands and buts about it. The legislature said so, and I think we ought to be there. I think we ought to tell the sportsmen what is happening to their money.

MR. COOK: Mr. Chairman, last year they did receive and spend \$110,000.00. This year, as of now, they are working on the \$200,000.00 appropriation which, of course, we are asking for an additional \$130,000.00.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you also get for us a copy of your proposal as to what we were going to do with the money that we got this year?

MR. COOK: Yes, I can do that.

men know what we were going to do with the money.

MR. COOK: Right.

THE CHAIRMAN: And give us also a tabulation of what they have let you spend and what you have spent it for.

MR. COOK: O.K.

MR. HOFFPAUER: And find out when they are meeting.

MR. COOK: O.K.

MR. WINFREE: Wait a minute, Mr. Cook.

I want to ask Mr. Cook a question.

Mr. Cook, what is vehicular inspection?

MR. COOK: What is a vehicle inspection?

MR. WINFREE: Vehicular inspection or vehicular condition or whatever.

MR. COOK: Are you talking about the vehicle card on mileage that we had sent out?

MR. WINFREE: I don't know what it is.

All I know is that I was told that there were some paychecks withheld because of vehicular inspection or cards or whatever.

MR. COOK: We had mailed out, oh, roughly about 450 vehicle cards. This information --

MR. WINFREE: Do we have that many vehicles in the department?



MR. COOK: Roughly about 450, yes, sir. In order for us to prepare the budget, we need to know the present mileage on the vehicle as of December 1; we need to know how many miles traveled last year in that vehicle and the number of anticipated miles next year. This IBM card was sent out along with a letter, requesting all employees to conform and to submit this as soon as possible after the first of December, along with their expense accounts and time sheets. The time sheets are normally due by the 15th of December. If this wasn't followed through, then disciplinary action would have been taken.

MR. WINFREE: What kind of disciplinary action?

MR. COOK: Such as holding up the processing of the expense accounts or the mailing out of the paychecks.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Cook, do you know that you can't hold up anybody's paycheck? Do you know that? You are not supposed to discipline any man on his paycheck. Now if he has got some rules and regulations he has broken, he can take them up with

the Director, but you are in violation of the State of Louisiana and the United States. You or nobody else can hold up anybody's paycheck.

MR. COOK: In this particular case, no checks were held for this reason.

MR. WINFREE: I was under the impression that they had been.

MR. COOK: No, sir.

MR. AUTIN: Were there some held?

MR. COOK: Yes, sir. We do hold them for the submission of the time sheets. This is as civil service permits us. A record of the employee working.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Cook, I would suggest that if you have anything to do about vehicles that you handle that separately. Now the time sheets, I can understand that. If a man doesn't put in his time sheet, you don't know how much to pay him, but don't ever hold up anybody else's pay check, if you have done that, by virtue of some whim, because they hadn't turned in a vehicle report or a condition of that car. That man may have been out in the swamp or marsh or working. He



can't get that thing in there right on time. When you are sitting here in an office, it is very easy. I can appreciate your efforts, but at the same time, don't do that any more.

MR. COOK: This is one of the reasons why they were not held.

THE CHAIRMAN: O.K. Is there any other discussion? Thank you, Larry. Are you going to go and get that information now?

MR. COOK: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Before we adjourn, we were throwing laurels out to everybody and Sam Murray wasn't here, and again I say, in a political year you talk about deadheads on the payroll, and a lot of people, because they have names like administrative assistant and what-not, such names. I don't know what Sam's title is. He is an assistant in the office, but Sam, I want to commend you for the Commission for a lot of the work that Sam does is the type of work that you don't ever see, but Sam does it. Thank you, Sam.

You had one thing you wanted to bring up, Clark.



MR. HOFFPAUER: Yes. Peason Ridge. You will remember that at the last meeting, in fact, it was a very astute observation, to show the members of the press that this is not an industry-oriented board, we spent ten minutes on a \$25,000,000.00 industry, specifically the oyster industry, in the last meeting, and we spent an hour and ten minutes on fox hunters and Peason Ridge.

Army regulations in the leasing that we have with the U. S. Army headquarters at Fort Polk in the Peason Ridge Game Management Area. As all of you gentlemen will remember, we decided to have a fox hunting, coon hunting, night type hunting on the Peason Ridge Game Management Area after the close of the deer season. Well, this ran afoul of our regulations specifically of Fort Polk.

graph 7(e) which says hunting at night prohibited, and Paragraph 7(o) prohibits hunting with dogs except recognized bird hunting breed. The embarrassing part, these were put in the regulations at our insistence. So, we really can't do anything

else but withdraw. In other words, we would be in violation of our lease and possibly the people were rather riled that we didn't consult the Army before we came up with this.

MR. WINFREE: Who was riled?

MR. HOFFPAUER: The general of the base, specifically.

MR. WINFREE: You mean the Army people were riled?

MR. HOFFPAUER: Army people, that's right.

If you remember, we had Bryan Poston and Claude

Leach up here, and I talked with them and told

them what the problem was, and they understood,

and so it is left up to you gentlemen, but we would

be in violation of our lease with the Army on the

Peason Ridge Game Management Area prohibiting this

hunting as we prescribed at our last meeting.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, I suggest that Mr. Leach and Mr. Poston be advised of this and that the Director be advised, and that the three of them go call on the general and cool him down.

MR. HOFFPAUER: I have already done it.



THE CHAIRMAN: What do we want to do?

Do we want to change what we did?

MR. WINFREE: Let's don't change what we did. Let's find out if that can't be worked out.

If one man was mad --

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, he called him on the phone. He couldn't work it out then.

MR. WINFREE: Go see the man. Don't talk to him over the phone.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Well, his wife just died, Jim, and he has gone up to New Jersey, somewhere.

MR. WINFREE: He is going to be back.

MR. THOMPSON: No, I disagree with you,

Jim. The problem there is this, that if we leave

this open and a fox hunter goes to Peason Ridge for

a permit or the Army for a permit to go on the

range and he is denied it, they control this with

or without our closing or opening. They have con
trol of it. We will have some bad publicity there.

MR. WINFREE: The thing hasn't started yet. Deer season is not over with yet.

THE CHAIRMAN: We don't have a meeting -MR. WINFREE: We can have a special

meeting. We do things one week and turn around the next week and undo it.

MR. THOMPSON: Well, we are forced to,

Jim. We don't have any choice here. We are going
to have bad publicity, bad feelings, with the very
people that we are trying to cement our relations
with.

MR. WINFREE: He mentioned one general.

He mentioned that one general was against it.

MR. KYLE: Jim, I think another thing, too, that range is open to the Air Force for practice bombing, too, at night.

MR. HOFFPAUER: At night.

MR. THOMPSON: We could get in a pretty good problem there. I don't think there is a man on this Commission who is any more of a dog man than me. You all know that I have fought for the rights of the dog hunter probably more than any one on this Commission, and I recognized it, but I also see the problems that we are going to generate. I am sure that the fox hunters, and that is who we are directing our results to, our comments to, I am sure that they will understand this. In fact,

I know, and I would like to move that we close the area in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Army. If this can be opened again at a later date, fox hunters hunt all year, and then, if we --

MR. WINFREE: Wait just a minute. What did that resolution state? Didn't it say, Mr.

Herring, that the Director and the staff and all that business, if it didn't work out, could shut it, that it was an experimental basis? I don't think any action of this Commission is necessary.

I think the Director can sit there and work with Mr. Herring and if the thing doesn't pan out right, then let them talk to the people over there and say, "Look, we are in violation of our lease. If you want this preserve, we are going to have to shut it down."

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me make a suggestion.

Could we adopt a resolution, closing the area provided no consent is received from the Army prior to
the 15th but if we do receive the consent from the
Army, then it would be opened. Would that solve
our problem?



MR. WINFREE: I don't see the necessity for the resolution. I think the Director could issue a directive, saying it is not in compliance with the lease, the Army has shut us down, and so forth and so on.

THE CHAIRMAN: Jimmy, what do you think about it?

MR. THOMPSON: I don't know. I really believe we are going to have a problem either way we go. The Commission needs to take some action, I believe.

MR. HOFFPAUER: I am not too sure the resolution said that, Jim. I think it said we are opening it. We established the season. It didn't give the Director any alternative. It was an experimental season but I don't think it said in there that the Director could close it.

MR. HERRING: It said it would start on January 2. Somebody said by the 15th we could do something, but we won't have that time.

MR. KYLE: I move to give the Director authority to close it, if necessary.

MR. WINFREE: I go along with that. If



it is an experimental basis, that is what it was for.

MR. THOMPSON: I disagree with you, Jim, and I disagree with this.

MR. WINFREE: Look, I am not wedded to what I said.

MR. THOMPSON: All right.

MR. WINFREE: Whatever you all want to do is all right with me.

MR. THOMPSON: Well, if you are not wedded, I would like for my motion to remain.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr.

Thompson that we close the Peason Ridge for hunting because of the objections of the Army. Do I hear a second to that motion?

MR. WINFREE: Wait a minute. I would go a little further than that, Mr. Chairman. Not because of the objections of the Army but because the lease itself would be in jeopardy.

MR. THOMPSON: Right.

MR. WINFREE: The United States Army has said that that is what they do not want because they are bombing in there at night and that the

safety of the citizens of the parish and all that sort of stuff is at jeopardy. That is what I would suggest.

MR. YANCEY: That it is contrary to Army regulations.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let's word it as you suggested. Is there a second to that?

MR. KYLE: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any further discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor, say "aye."

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered. Is there any other business to come before the Commission?

MR. WINFREE: Yes, I have something to bring before the Commission I want to set the nutria season in Cameron Parish right now on August 1, 1972, and Calcasieu and Vermilion.

(Laughter)



THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other business?

MR. KYLE: Mr. Chairman, I move we adjourn. Oh, Mr. Hoffpauer has one little thing.

MR. HOFFPAUER: One thing. Point of information, gentlemen. Today the \$130,000.00 is going to be brought up, the additional money we are trying to get for the hyacinth program, and we will be represented there by Mr. Ralph Pearlman of the Division of Administration.

MR. WINFREE: Just a minute, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. When are they having their meeting?

MR. HOFFPAUER: Today.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do we have anybody in Baton Rouge who can go up there?

MR. WINFREE: I don't want to be represented by Mr. Ralph Pearlman.

MR. HOFFPAUER: I don't want to be, either, Jim, but they ask us to leave the meeting and Ralph stays in there. You make your little plea and then that's it.

MR. WINFREE: Well, why don't you send



your man Cook up there?

MR. KYLE: Well, they still won't leave him in the meeting, he says.

MR. WINFREE: Ralph Pearlman is not going to do anything for this Commission, period.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Joe, do we have somebody up there we can send? Kenneth? Why don't you all call them today and get them to go up there. Tell them. How about Don Lee? Let me know if he got in the meeting.

MR. WINFREE: It has probably already started.

MR. KYLE: It is probably over with.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I hear a motion we adjourn?

MR. KYLE: I moved.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Kyle, and seconded. The meeting is adjourned.

. . . Thereupon, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., Tuesday,

December 21, 1971, the meeting was adjourned. . .



